

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully submit a Terminal Disclaimer to replace the disclaimer document submitted earlier on September 30, 2010. The undersigned appreciates the Examiner pointing out the discrepancy in the earlier document, and submits that the replacement document overcomes the objection noted below. Applicants also appreciate notice that submitting this replacement Terminal Disclaimer will not incur additional fees.

Claims 2, 59, 63, 74, 77, and 84 have been amended to address claim objections stated for each of the aforementioned claims. The amendments adopt all of the suggestions in the December 1, 2010 Office Action, except with respect to claim 74. Applicants have amended claim 74 to recite at “at least two storage bins” in place of “at least one storage bin”. It is submitted that support for this recitation is found in the original claim 74, and the Applicants’ specification. Claim 74 originally recited “at least one” storage in meaning more than one bin can be present, and that two storage bins are connected to pipe guides. Applicants’ specification and drawings illustrate three or more possible storage bins.

Claim 28, which was also subject to an objection, has been cancelled in light of the remarks below with respect to its dependency on claim 18.

Claim 3 has been cancelled to address its rejection under 35 USC §112, second paragraph.

Claim 18 and its dependent claims 19-21, 23-29, 31, and 72 have also been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, and Applicants reserve rights to present the subject matter recited therein in a later filed continuation application.

Claim Rejections

It is stated in the December 1, 2010 Office Action that claims 3, 18-21, 23-29, 31, and 72 are rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph as being indefinite. It is submitted that this rejection is moot in light of the cancellation of these claims and remarks above.

Claim 3 was rejected because one feature, a valve, was referenced using a term inconsistent with the terminology in Claim 1. Applicants have canceled Claim 3 to remove this discrepancy.

Claims 18-21, 23, 24, and 26-29, 31, and 72 have been rejected under 35 USC §103 under various combinations of the Freeman, Krambock, and Carter references. It is submitted that these rejections are moot in light of the cancellation of these claims.

Applicants respectfully note that claim 25 has not been rejected, yet no indication as to its status has been made. Nonetheless, Applicants have elected without prejudice to cancel claim 25, and also reserves the right to present the subject matter recited therein in a later filed continuation application.

Claims 1-5, 7-11, 13-21, 23-29, 31, 71, and 72 have been provisionally rejected on the grounds of non-statutory obviousness double patenting over claims in granted patent 7,846,399. Applicants submit the double patenting rejection of claims 18-21, 23-29, 31, and 72 is moot in view of the cancellation of these claims. It is submitted that the doubling patenting rejection of the remaining claims 1-5, 7-11, 13-17, and 71 is no longer applicable in light of the enclosed replacement Terminal Disclaimer.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate acknowledgement that claims 32-45, 59-67, 74-79, and 82-85 are allowable upon correcting the earlier mentioned objections to claims 59, 63, 74, 77, and 84. Applicants submit that these latter claims have been amended to overcome the objections.

Applicants submit that the claims pending in this application are therefore in condition for allowance, and therefore request withdrawal of all pending rejections, and further request notification to that effect in the form of a Notice of Allowability.

Respectfully submitted,



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